

MOLINE PLOW CO. INCREASES STOCK BY BIG AMOUNT

\$21,000,000 Added to Capitalization at Meeting of the Stockholders.

ANOTHER PLANT ACQUIRED

Eastern Mower, Binder and Harvester Factory Bought—Wonderful Growth Shown.

Stockholders of the Moline Plow company met yesterday and boosted the capital stock of the concern from \$9,000,000 to the enormous amount of \$21,000,000. In addition, the corporate existence was extended to the full 99 years allowed by the state law, directors were increased from seven to nine in number, and the Adriaens, Platt & Co. plant of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., large implement manufacturers of mowers, binders and harvesters, was acquired.

The \$21,000,000 increase in capitalization is to be divided as follows: \$7,500,000, 7 per cent cumulative first preferred, this issue to provide for future expansion and betterments; \$1,500,000 second preferred, this stock not to be sold but to be given in payment for the plant and good will of Adriaens, Platt & Co.; \$12,000,000 common.

It is not the intention of the company to issue any part of this \$12,000,000 in common stock at the present time. It will be retained in the treasury to be used in blocks at future dates, if required.

Application will be made to list the \$7,500,000 issue on the New York stock exchange. This entire issue will be bought by Kissel, Kennicott & Co. of New York and Chicago for public subscription.

EIGHT PLANTS CONTROLLED.

Eight big manufacturing plants are now included in the Moline Plow company chain, and there is a likelihood that others—of a non-competing nature—will be added. Negotiations are under way with three or four manufacturers, and though nothing definite has been decided, there is the possibility that other deals, far-reaching in scope, will soon be concluded. Plants already controlled from Moline are:

Moline Plow company, Moline.
Mandt Wagon, Stoughton, Wis.
Honey Buggy, Freeport.
Monitor Drill, Minneapolis.
Freeport Carriage, Freeport.
Acme Steel, Chicago.
McDonald Pitts Scale, Stoughton, Wis.

To which is to be added Adriaens-

Platt as soon as the transfer can be effected.

The company has branch houses in these cities: Kansas City, Minneapolis, Bloomington, Stockton, Cal., Los Angeles, Salt Lake City, Winnipeg, Sioux Falls, Portland, St. Louis, New Orleans, Dallas, Indianapolis, Omaha, Des Moines, Denver, Oklahoma City and Omsk, Russia.

HAS RAPID GROWTH.
History of the Moline Plow company has been one of notable growth. The company's present property is the result of accumulated profits, since the management has pursued from the first a policy of retaining the bulk of earnings in the business. In the last 20 years more than 50 per cent of earnings has been carried into the surplus to permit of the constant expansion that demand for the Flying Dutchman line has made imperative.

Corporate life of the Moline Plow company, under the present charter, would extend for 20 years, and decision to seek a new charter for the full 99-year term is a mere formality, the aim being to have the corporate life of each of the plow company institutions expire on the same date.

TWO DIRECTORS ADDED.
Present directors of the Moline Plow company are G. A. Stephens, F. G. Allen, C. R. Stephens, C. A. Banister, L. C. Blanding, A. C. Barber and G. H. Huntoon. They all continue in present capacities, and added to the directorate are J. L. Irving, superintendent, and W. H. Matson, assistant general trade manager.

Personal Points

Rev. W. P. Wade of Maquoketa is in the city today visiting among his friends of the clergy.

H. A. Peterson and William Beenen of Monmouth are in the city on business today.

Mrs. Margaret Gravink and daughter, Helen, of Sterling, Ill., are visiting relatives in the city.

Hon. E. W. Hurst has gone to Chicago to attend tomorrow night's dinner to President-elect Woodrow Wilson.

Robert Karlowa, who has the wireless telegraph station in the Best building left yesterday for Iowa City, where he will enter the university for a course in civil engineering.

The Misses Shilling and Baxter, both of Erie, Ill., are visiting in city schools today, taking special attention to the writing system which is being used in this city, as a similar one has been adopted by the board of education in Erie.

Orchestra at Broadway.

The Metropolitan Ladies' orchestra appears tonight at Broadway Presbyterian church at 8:30, where they will give a concert which will please musicians and all music lovers. The organization includes the full orchestra, a string quartet, violin and vocal solos and pianologues.

NAME COUNSEL TOPRESS CHARGE AGAINST WELLS

Judge R. W. Olmsted of the circuit bench has appointed Attorneys H. E. Curtis of Rock Island and C. E. Dietz and G. W. Wood of Moline to act as prosecutors when the disbarment proceedings against P. H. Wells comes up before the court Jan. 18. Wells has not yet announced who will defend him. His appearance in court is assured by a citation demanding him to show cause why he should not be suspended from practice because of improper allegations he made against Hon. William Jackson, a fellow member of the bar.

PLOW COMPANY HAS FIRE SCARE

Smoke Coming From Doors of New Building Cause Hurried Call for Department.

Residents in the neighborhood of Second avenue and Sixth street, perceiving smoke pouring from the sixth floor of the new Rock Island Plow company building this morning at 9:30 o'clock turned in an alarm.

The Centrals made a hurried trip to the scene and upon investigating found that the smoke was caused by the lighting of a charcoal heater by workmen employed in the building. When the gas and smoke became too strong the workmen opened the doors to let it escape with the result that an alarm was turned in.

A second call at 10:30 o'clock was to the Harris building on Fourth avenue between Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth streets, which is occupied by several families. A furnace had been recently installed in the home several days ago and a chimney on the roof which had been formerly used was taken off and the aperture closed with boards. One of the tenants this morning forgetting that the chimney was no longer in use, put up a stove. The result was that the boards caught fire. The damage was slight.

BOARD DECIDES TO PAVE 18TH AVENUE

Local Improvements Body Takes Up Proposition for Improving Thoroughfare.

Decision to pave the north half of Eighteenth avenue from Seventeenth to Thirtieth street was reached this morning by the board of local improvements which held a special session at the mayor's office to consider the proposition. The vote was two to one, Mayor H. M. Schriver and City Engineer Wallace Treichler voting in the affirmative and Commissioner R. R. Reynolds opposing on the grounds that the majority of the property owners had evinced no desires for the improvement. The south half of the street is in South Rock Island and it is the belief that if the city paves its share, the adjoining township will follow suit, at least the street car company will pave between its tracks along the stretch.

As a result of the board's decision, an ordinance will be drawn calling for the paving of the thoroughfare with brick, the installation of stone curbs and the placing of six drain or catch basins. The engineer's estimate on the improvement is \$18,838. A public meeting to hear and consider objections will be held at the mayor's office at 9 o'clock in the morning Jan. 21.

In selecting brick rather than asphalt for the improvement, the board expressed the belief that the heavy traffic of the avenue, once it is paved, will warrant the choice, even though it was admitted that the asphalt would not be any more costly.

EXPOSITION GOES OUT OF BUSINESS

Property of Amusement Company Sold to C. C. Wayne—Races May Continue.

The Rock Island Exposition company is practically a thing of the past. At the Rock Island house this afternoon in the presence of the board of directors all the "props" of the company within the enclosure of Exposition park at Ninth street and Eighteenth avenue was knocked down at auction to C. C. Wayne for \$420. Mr. Wayne acted, it is understood for a group of local horsemen who are anxious to continue the race meetings on the half mile track, one of the best in the west, provided they can secure a continuation of the lease which expires April 1 next.

The property which Mr. Wayne bought amounts in all to about 72,000 feet of lumber which includes all the buildings, fences and sheds in the grounds, together with the steel electric tower. The outer fences belong to the Dimock estate, owners of the tract.

The exposition directors will meet in a few days, make the formal transfer of the property disposed of, sell the remaining miscellaneous effects, including turnstiles, uniforms, etc., and after liquidating any indebtedness that

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LIFE ENDANGERED BY A RUSTY NAIL

Leonard Kesser Threatened With Lockjaw and Preventative Measures Taken.

Leonard Kesser, aged 21, residing at 400 Nineteenth street, is threatened with lockjaw as the result of injuries sustained a few days ago and this morning heroic measures were deemed necessary by the attending physician in order to save the victim's life. His back and neck have become stiff and this condition seems to be spreading to other parts of the body. This morning anti-tetanic serum was injected with the hope of staving off the deadly tetanus.

Kesser's condition is the result of an accident which occurred last Wednesday, while working on the new gravity coal bin, located on Twentieth street between First and Second avenues. The young man stepped on a rusty nail, which penetrated the sole of his shoe and pierced his foot nearly an inch. The attending physician this morning announced that the chances for recovery are good.

Three Seek Divorce.
Three divorces have been granted and one application for divorce re-

M. W. A. CAMPS TO HOLD JOINT EVENT

Camps No. 29, 309 and 1550, M. W. A., will hold a public and joint installation on the evening of Jan. 14, at Odd Fellows hall. The meeting will be addressed by M. J. McEniry and M. H. Cleary of Galena, P. S. Wilcher of Camp No. 29 will act as installing officer. George Trenkenschub of Camp No. 1550 as chief forester and Charles Willis of Camp No. 309 as assistant chief forester. Entertainment will be furnished by an orchestra and a quartet. P. J. Carey of Camp No. 1550 will preside.

Longfellow Sets Record.
Longfellow school has turned in the largest deposit acquired by any school in one week. It was found today when the State bank made its weekly collection. The figures follow:

Audubon	\$ 32.25
Eugene Field	46.34
Grant	21.65
Hawthorne	45.30
Horace Mann	24.93
Irving	40.45
Kemble	41.07
Lincoln	35.27
Longfellow	69.24
Total	\$335.61

Lodge Notes

St. Paul's lodge No. 7, Knights of Pythias, will meet next Monday evening at the K. of P. hall to install officers for the ensuing term and to transact other important business.

Eudora Rebecca degree lodge No. 73, Odd Fellows, will hold a business session this evening at the Odd Fellows hall. A class of candidates will be initiated and applications for membership will be received.

NEW YEAR'S OPENING —OF THE— Queen City College of Dressmaking and Tailoring Saturday, Jan. 11

A special invitation is given to all ladies of Rock Island to call and meet the new teachers from St. Louis who come to us highly recommended to take charge of the tailoring and dressmaking department.

FREE—A \$1.00 Pattern cut to your measure will be given to each lady for 25 cents, also special rates will be given those enrolling on this day.

MRS. M. M. JONES
Principal

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ceived in the circuit court. Those granted follow: Anna E. Schuck vs. William J. Schuck, Moline, extreme and repeated cruelty, attorney, W. C. Allen; Ada I. Poston vs. Harry G. Poston, Rock Island, habitual drunkenness, attorney, Peter R. Ingleson; and Edwin Hogberg vs. Luella Hogberg, Wood is her attorney.

EVERYTHING THE BEST To The Man Of The House

You like good things to eat? You like your foods purchased as economically as possible—but you want them good, pure, wholesome. Urge her, upon whom depends the health, comfort and economy of your family, to make Battles' grocery her store. Suggest that she try us this month. Good food—at the usual cost of inferior qualities elsewhere—will be your lot—and hers.

SATURDAY SPECIALS.	
Eaco flour, finest flour made, 49 pound sacks, special tomorrow	\$1.38
Honey, absolutely pure white clover honey in average one pound wooden sections, pound	25c
Cheese, fancy New York State, mild or strong, per pound	25c
None Such brand condensed mince meat, finest quality, 5 package	8c
Sardines in pure olive oil, fine quality, special for tomorrow, can	10c
Tomatoes, solid pack, of the finest whole ripe tomatoes, per can 15c, six cans for	83c
Peas, medium size, good quality for the price, special tomorrow, three cans	25c
Lima beans, very small size and tender, can	20c
Corn, finest Maine corn, solid pack, per can 15c, six cans	81c
Pitted red cherries, in heavy syrup New York pack, very special can	23c
Wright old fashioned pure buckwheat, 10 pound bags for	45c
Uncle Sam's Breakfast food, the ideal laxative breakfast food, 5 package	25c
Spanish queen olives, large bottle, special tomorrow	15c

Battles Sun Dried Japan Tea
A tea as good as this ought to sell at least 60c, and it does in most stores. Many of them charge you 75c for tea that isn't as good. Our customers say so. You will say so too. Try at least a pound, at 50c

Battles Special Blend Coffee
Hundreds of pounds of this delicious coffee go into the homes of particular coffee drinkers every week. And they all come back for more regularly. Are you one of these fortunate people? If not, why not? A lb. 31c

"In His Name" circle of Kings Daughters will have a bakery sale at our store tomorrow and we hope to see them well patronized.

H. R. BATTLES & CO.
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SATURDAY AT PRIESTER-HICKEY SHOE STORE

Any pair of men's \$4.00 shoes including "Bates" black and tans for Saturday \$3.25
 One lot of men's \$4.00 shoes (not all sizes) for Saturday \$1.98
 Men's shoes in tans and blacks, best value in the city for \$2.45
 One lot men's \$2.00 work shoes, all sizes for only \$1.45
 One broken lot women's shoes, regular \$2.50 and \$3.00 values for Saturday \$1.45
 One lot of women's dull leathers and patent colt shoes, \$2.50 and \$3.00 values for Saturday \$1.05
 One lot of women's \$1.50 shoes 98c
 Boys' and girls' shoes 98c
 Boys' leggins for Saturday 38c

Many other bargains in broken lots in bins and racks scattered about the store.

Harper House Block


